



Group Discussion Guide: God Is Good | August 29, 2021

Begin with Scripture, silence + prayer (5 minutes).

Split up the following passages to different member of your group and then read them aloud one at a time: Psalm 31:19-20, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 86:5, Psalm 100:5, Psalm 107:1, Psalm 135:3, Psalm 145:7, and Psalm 145:9

[This series is all about the character of God. So use these Psalms to open your time together to help get your minds thinking about God's goodness!]

Finally, after reading, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

Split out into triads and recap last week's devotionals (30 minutes)

- As you think over your past week, what words, phrases, Scriptures, etc. have stood out to you? What was the most significant thing? Why?
- Which day of devotions was your favorite? Why?
- Did you sense any action steps from God this past week as a result of your reflections?

Come back together as a large group, read Scripture, and debrief the sermon as one large group (45 minutes)

- What stood out from your smaller group discussions from your devotions this past week?
- When you think of the character of God, does “goodness” come to mind? Why or why not?
- What do you think prevents people in our culture from seeing God as a good God?
- On a scale of 1-10, how good do you feel like God is to you? What prevents you from fully seeing Good as a good God do you think?



- **Read Psalm 27:13.** If the “I” was *you* in this passage, do you think the word “confident” would be an accurate description of your ability to see the goodness of God in your life right now?
- Do you sense any discrepancy between acknowledging God’s goodness as a fact and between your personal experience of that goodness? Explain.
- What from the sermon this past weekend, encouraged you or challenged you or deepened your faith regarding God’s goodness and its intersection with your life?
- In this sermon, Dan mentioned how, “Sometimes circumstances are expressions of God’s goodness, God’s goodness always transcends our circumstances.” Do you believe this to be true? Why or why not?
- From specific bible verses that proclaim God’s goodness to the teachings of Jesus regarding how God takes care of his creation to Jesus dying for our sins, Dan mentioned all kinds of ways the Bible reveals God’s goodness. Which of these examples of God’s goodness do you find yourself drawn towards when you need reminded of it? What specific verses or teachings of Jesus do you go to and how have they helped you in the past?
- As you look over your life, what are maybe 2-3 moments where you can really see (or have “tasted and seen”) God’s goodness? As you look over your life, where do you think God’s goodness is when you have been in the midst of difficult circumstances/suffering?
[Have everyone in the group go around and share.]

Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes)

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.